

## SENATE BILL No. 439

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5-1.5.

**Synopsis:** Legislative compensation. Establishes the legislative compensation and benefits advisory commission. Requires the commission to: (1) review the current compensation and benefits provided to members of the general assembly; and (2) make recommendations concerning the compensation and benefits for members of the general assembly that the commission considers appropriate. Repeals the statute that establishes the public officers compensation advisory commission.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.

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January 18, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to repeal a provision of the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-1.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
2 2007].
- 3 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) As used in this  
4 SECTION, "commission" refers to the legislative compensation  
5 and benefits advisory commission established by subsection (c).  
6 (b) As used in this SECTION, "public employee" refers to any  
7 of the following:
- 8 (1) An employee of the state.  
9 (2) An employee of a political subdivision (as defined in  
10 IC 36-1-2-13).  
11 (3) An employee of any other entity whose salary is paid in  
12 any part from funds derived from taxes imposed by the state  
13 or a political subdivision.  
14 (c) The legislative compensation and benefits advisory  
15 commission is established.  
16 (d) The commission consists of the following members:  
17 (1) Four (4) members appointed by the president pro tempore



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of the senate.

(2) Four (4) members appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

(3) Four (4) members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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(e) The following may not be a commission member:

(1) A public officer.

(2) A public employee.

(3) An individual registered as a lobbyist under IC 2-7.

(4) An individual who has a pecuniary interest in the salary of a member of the general assembly. For purposes of this subdivision, an individual has a pecuniary interest in the salary of a member of the general assembly if an increase in the salary of a member of the general assembly will result in an ascertainable increase in the income or net worth of the individual.

(f) Not more than two (2) commission members may be residents of the same Indiana congressional district.

(g) The appointing authorities shall appoint members so that the commission members reflect the socioeconomic diversity of Indiana.

(h) If there is a vacancy on the commission, the member of the general assembly who holds the leadership position that appointed the member whose position is vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

(i) The commission members shall elect the commission's chair from among the commission's members.

(j) Nine (9) commission members constitute a quorum. The affirmative votes of at least nine (9) commission members are necessary for the commission to take official action other than to adjourn or to meet to hear reports or testimony.

(k) The commission shall meet at the call of the chair and at other times as the commission considers necessary.

(l) Each member of the commission is entitled to the following:

(1) The salary per diem provided under IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).

(2) Reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4.

(3) Other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of

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administration and approved by the budget agency.

(m) The legislative services agency shall provide administrative support for the commission.

(n) The legislative services agency may contract with consultants on behalf of the commission as the commission considers necessary to implement this SECTION.

(o) Except as otherwise provided by this SECTION, the commission is subject to the rules of the legislative council.

(p) The commission shall make reports to the general assembly as required by this SECTION or by the legislative council. A report to the legislative council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(q) Before July 1, 2008, the commission shall meet and do the following:

(1) Review the current compensation and benefits provided to members of the general assembly.

(2) Make recommendations concerning the compensation and benefits that the commission considers appropriate.

(r) The commission shall file a report of its recommendations with the legislative council not later than August 1, 2008.

(s) A commission recommendation does not take effect unless enacted by the general assembly.

(t) There is annually appropriated to the legislative services agency from the state general fund money necessary for the operation of the commission.

(u) This SECTION expires July 1, 2009.

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